

Math 1552

Sections 6.1 and 6.2: Volumes of Revolution

Math 1552 lecture slides adapted from the course materials
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Quiz 5 is on Thursday July 22, 2021
(during the last 25 minutes of the Studio session).

Topics List:

- Power series
- Radii of convergence and IC of power series
- Taylor polynomials
- Taylor series
- Taylor series and remainder terms + error bounds in approximating series (see lecture notes)

Learning Goals

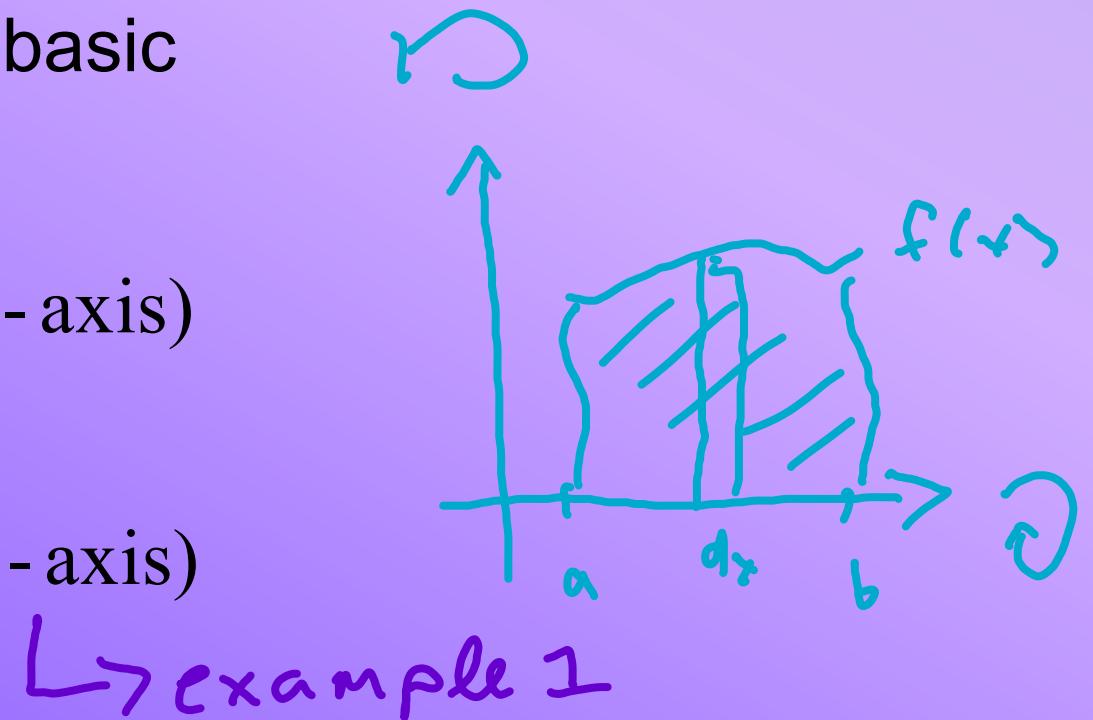
- Set up and evaluate integrals using the disk method
- Set up and evaluate integrals using the method of cylindrical shells
- Apply the “washer” method to either method above
- Adjust the standard formulas to rotate a region around any horizontal or vertical line

Volumes by the Disk Method

We can find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by $y=f(x)$, $x=a$, $x=b$, and the x -axis using the basic formulas:

$$V = \pi \int_a^b [f(x)]^2 dx \text{ (revolved about } x\text{-axis)}$$

$$V = \pi \int_a^b [g(y)]^2 dy \text{ (revolved about } y\text{-axis)}$$



Example 1:

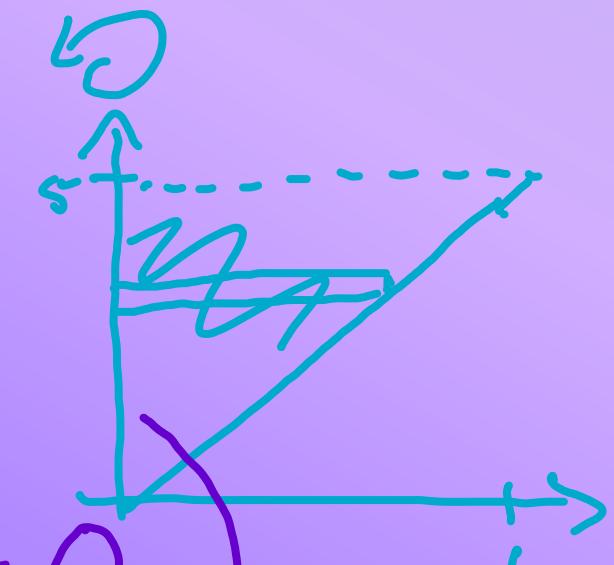
Find the volume of the solid generated by

revolving the region bounded by $y=5x$,
 $x=0$, and $y=5$ about the y -axis.

$$\longleftrightarrow x = g(y) = \frac{y}{5}$$

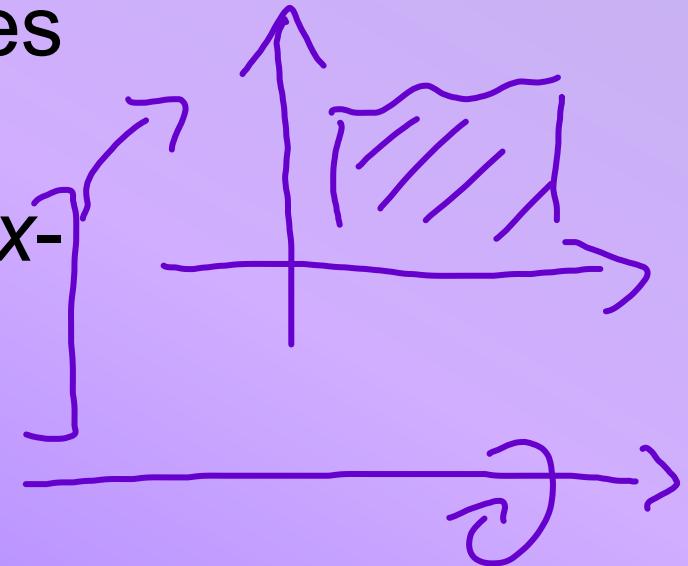
$$V = \pi \int_0^5 \frac{y^2}{25} dy \rightarrow g(y)^2$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{25} \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^5 = \frac{\pi}{25} \left(\frac{5^3 - 0}{3} \right) = \frac{5\pi}{3}$$



Important Notes about Disks:

- The variable of integration *always* matches the axis of revolution.
- If you revolve about a line other than the x- or y-axis, you will need to adjust the formula to find the new radius.
- If you revolve a region bounded by two curves, you will need to apply the *washer method*.



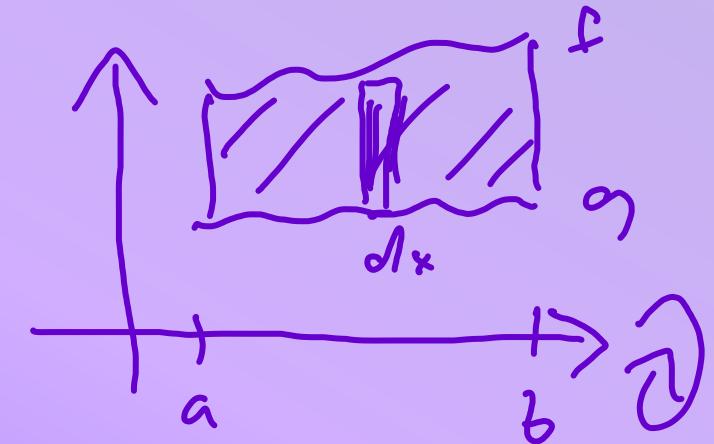
The Washer Method

When we revolve a region bounded between two curves, we have an inner and outer radius, and the volume equation is modified to:

$$V = \pi \int_a^b [(f(x))^2 - (g(x))^2] dx = \pi \int_a^b [(top)^2 - (bottom)^2] dx$$

OR

$$V = \pi \int_a^b [(f(y))^2 - (g(y))^2] dy = \pi \int_a^b [(right)^2 - (left)^2] dy$$

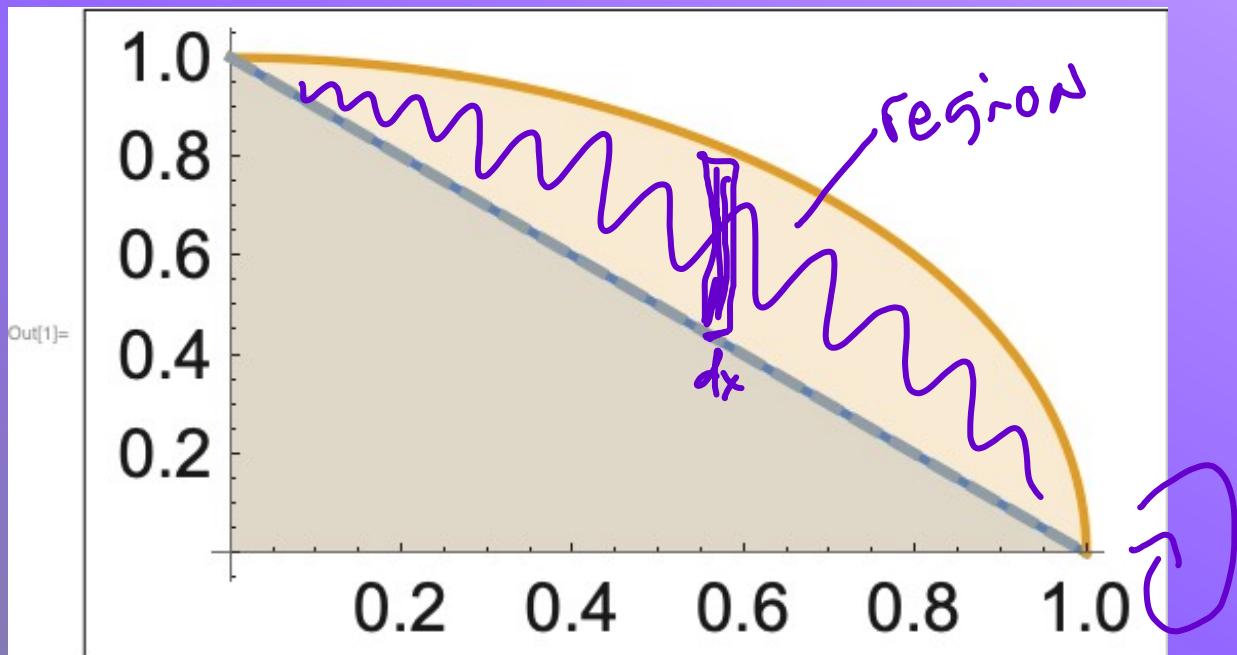


Example 2:

Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by

$$y_1 = \sqrt{1-x^2} \text{ and } x+y=1 \leftrightarrow y_2 = 1-x$$

about the x -axis.



$$y_1 = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

(in orange)

$$y_2 = 1-x$$

(in blue)

for all $x \in [0, 1]$:

$$y_1(x) \geq y_2(x)$$

$$V = \pi \int_0^1 [y_1(x)^2 - y_2(x)^2] dx$$

$$= \pi \int_0^1 [1-x^2 - (1-x)^2] dx$$

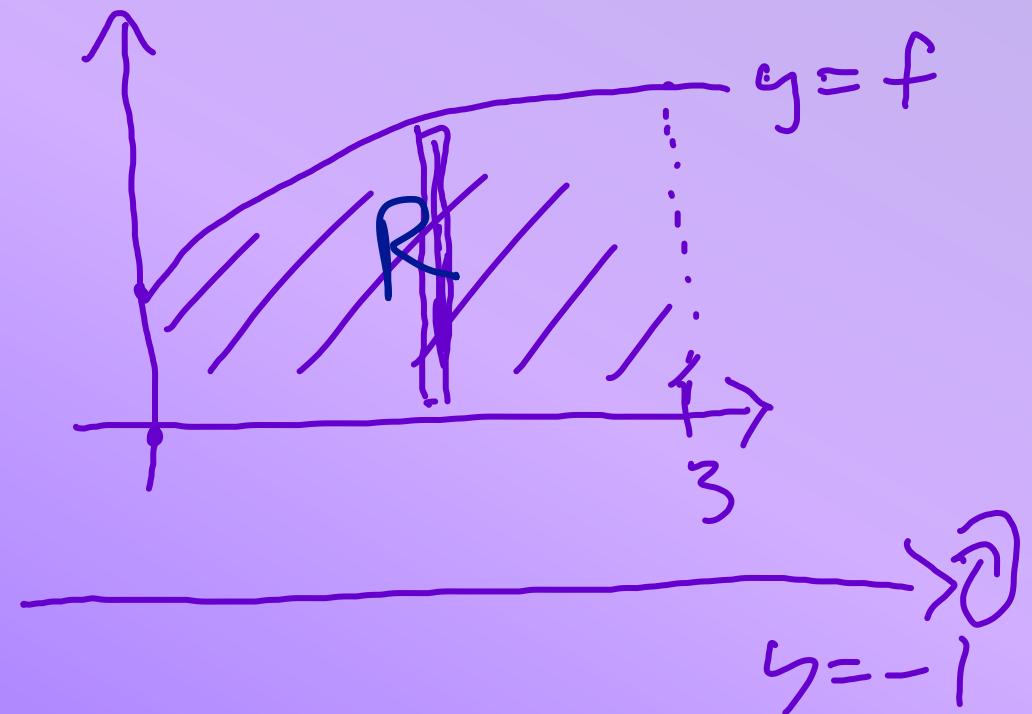
$$= \pi \int_0^1 [2x - 2x^2] dx$$

$$= 2\pi \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^1 = 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} - 0 \right) = \frac{2\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Example 3:

Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by:

$y = \sqrt{x+1}$, $x = 3$, and the x -axis about the line $y = -1$.



$R = \text{shaded region}$

Picking up with corrections to the method for this problem explained in the lecture today:

→ the region (R) is the region bounded between the curves

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

$$g(x) = 0 \quad (\text{the } x\text{-axis})$$

for $0 \leq x \leq 3$

→ we use a variant of the washer method formula to compute the volume (V) of the solid

generated by revolving R about the line $y = -1$

\Rightarrow Notice that for all $x \in [0, 3]$, $f(x) \geq g(x)$
So that the top curve is f and the
bottom curve is g .

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow V &= \pi \int_0^3 \left[(\text{distance between } f(x) \text{ and } -1)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (\text{distance between } g(x) \text{ and } -1)^2 \right] dx \\ &= \pi \int_0^3 \left[(f(x) - (-1))^2 - (g(x) - (-1))^2 \right] dx\end{aligned}$$

$$= \pi \int_0^3 \left[(\sqrt{x+1} + 1)^2 - 1 \right] dx$$

$$= \pi \int_0^3 \left[x + 2\sqrt{x+1} \right] dx$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{4}{3} (x+1)^{3/2} \right) \bigg|_0^3$$

$$= \pi \left(\left(\frac{9}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \cdot 8^{3/2} \right) - \left(0 + \frac{4}{3} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{83\pi}{6}$$

Example: Set up the integral to find the volume bounded by

$y = x + 2$ and $y = x^2$, $x \geq 0$,
about the x -axis.

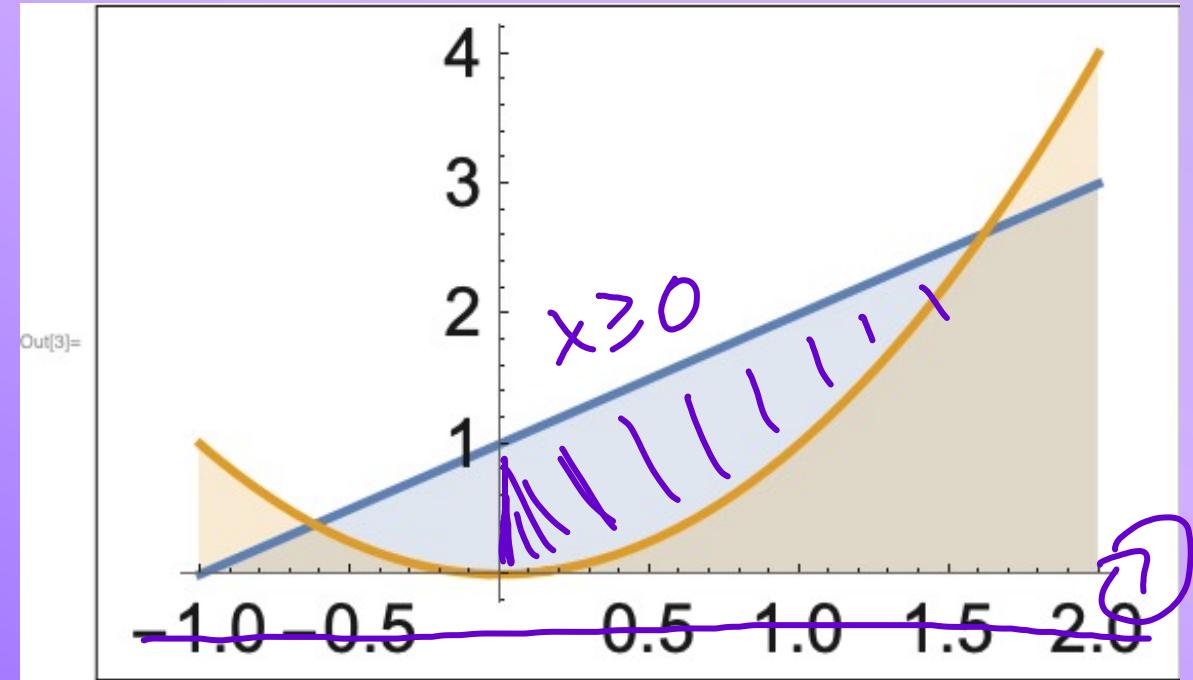
(A) $V = \pi \int_{-1}^2 [(x+2)^2 - (x^2)^2] dx$

(B) $V = \pi \int_0^2 [(x+2)^2 - (x^2)^2] dx$

(C) $V = \pi \int_{-1}^2 [(x^2)^2 - (x+2)^2] dx$

(D) $V = \pi \int_0^2 [(x^2)^2 - (x+2)^2] dx$

$y_1 = x+2$ (in blue)
 $y_2 = x^2$ (in orange)



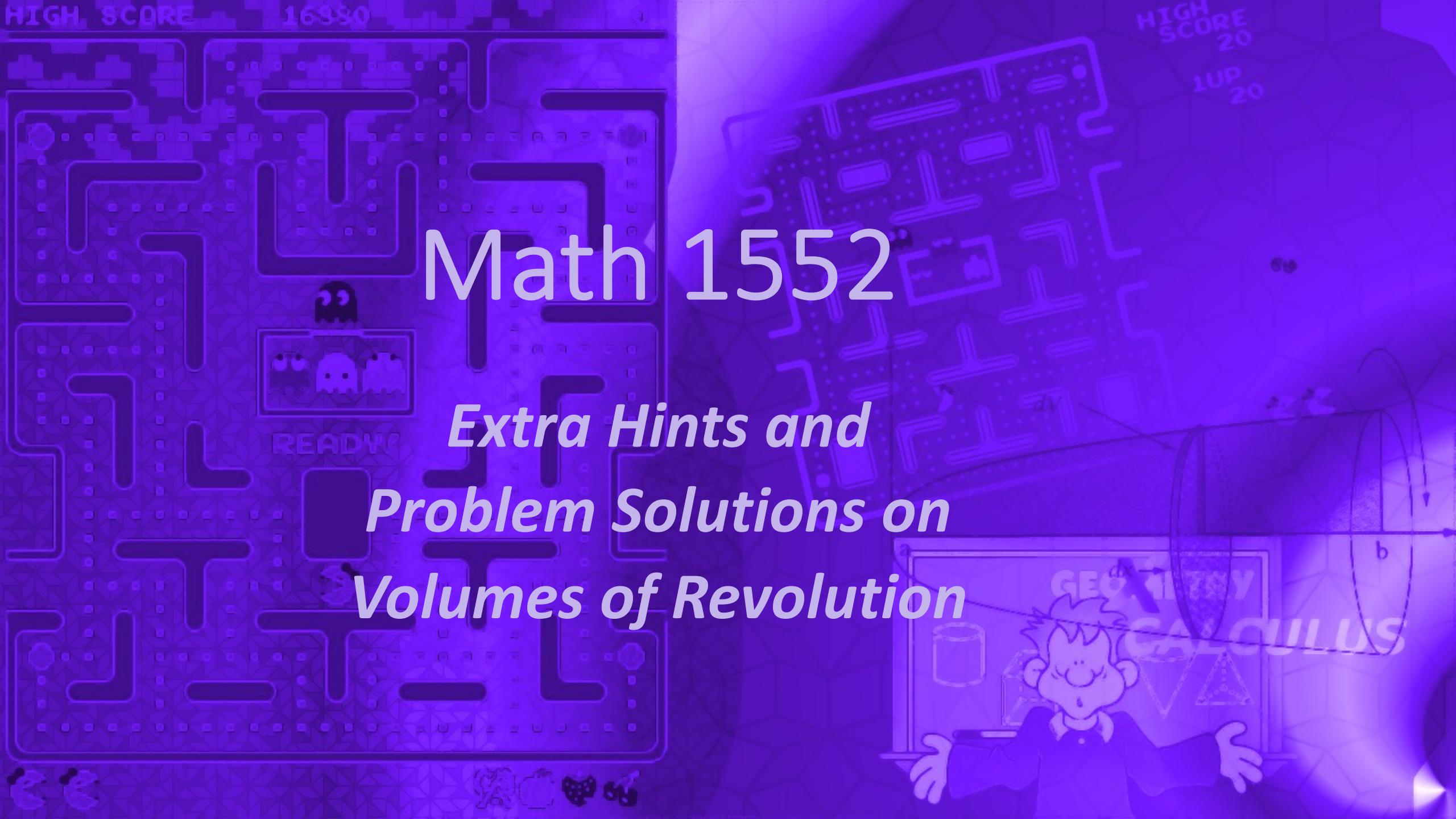
for $-1 \leq x \leq 2$,
 $y_1(x) \geq y_2(x)$

→ find the intersection points: $y_1 = y_2$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$\iff (x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\iff x = 2, -1$$



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*Extra Hints and
Problem Solutions on
Volumes of Revolution*

Example B:

Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by the curves

$$y_1(x) = x^2 - 4 \quad (\text{in orange})$$

AND

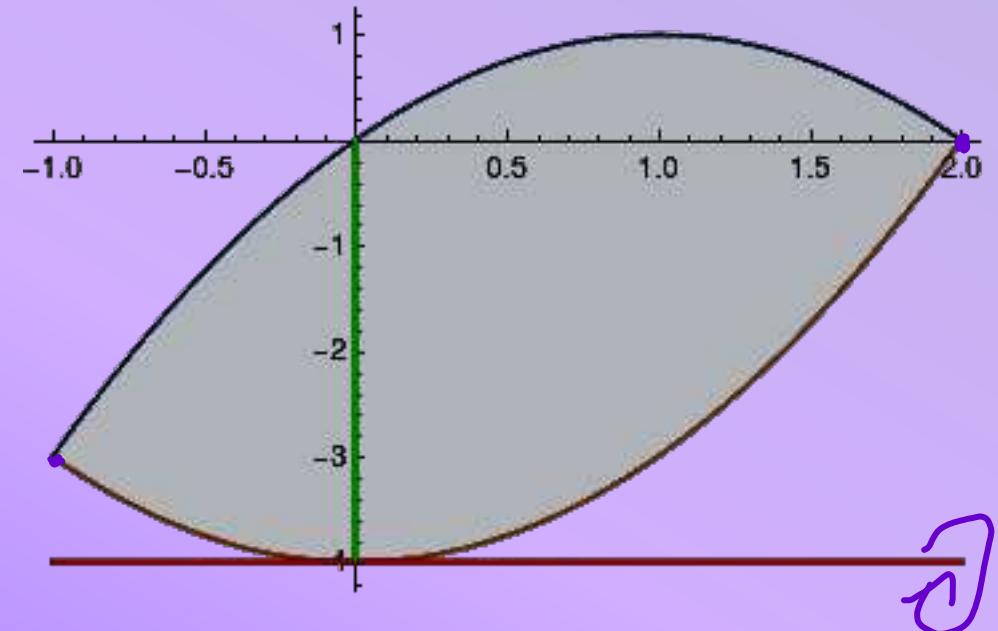
$$y_2(x) = 2x - x^2 \quad (\text{in blue})$$

around the line $y=-4$.

Use the WASHER METHOD

(be careful to add +4 to each of the functions before squaring):

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \cancel{\pi} \times \int_a^b (\text{radius of washer at } x)^2 dx \\ &= 45\pi \end{aligned}$$



→ find the intersection points: $y_1 = y_2$

$$2x^2 - 2x - 4 = 0 \longleftrightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$\longleftrightarrow (x-2)(x+1) = 0 \longleftrightarrow x = 2, -1$$

→ for all $-1 \leq x \leq 2$, $y_2(x) \geq y_1(x)$

→ formula for the volume is a variant
of the washer method:

$$V = \pi \int_{-1}^2 \left[\left(\text{distance between top curve at } x \text{ and } y = -4 \right)^2 - \left(\text{distance between bottom curve at } x \text{ and } y = -4 \right)^2 \right] dx$$

$$= \pi \int_{-1}^2 \left[(y_2(x) - (-4))^2 - (y_1(x) + 4)^2 \right] dx$$

$$= \pi \int_{-1}^2 \left[(2x - x^2 + 4)^2 - (x^2)^2 \right] dx$$

$$= \pi \int_{-1}^2 \left[16 + 16x - 4x^2 - 4x^3 \right] dx$$

$$= \pi \left(16x + 8x^2 - \frac{4x^3}{3} - x^4 \right) \bigg|_{-1}^2$$

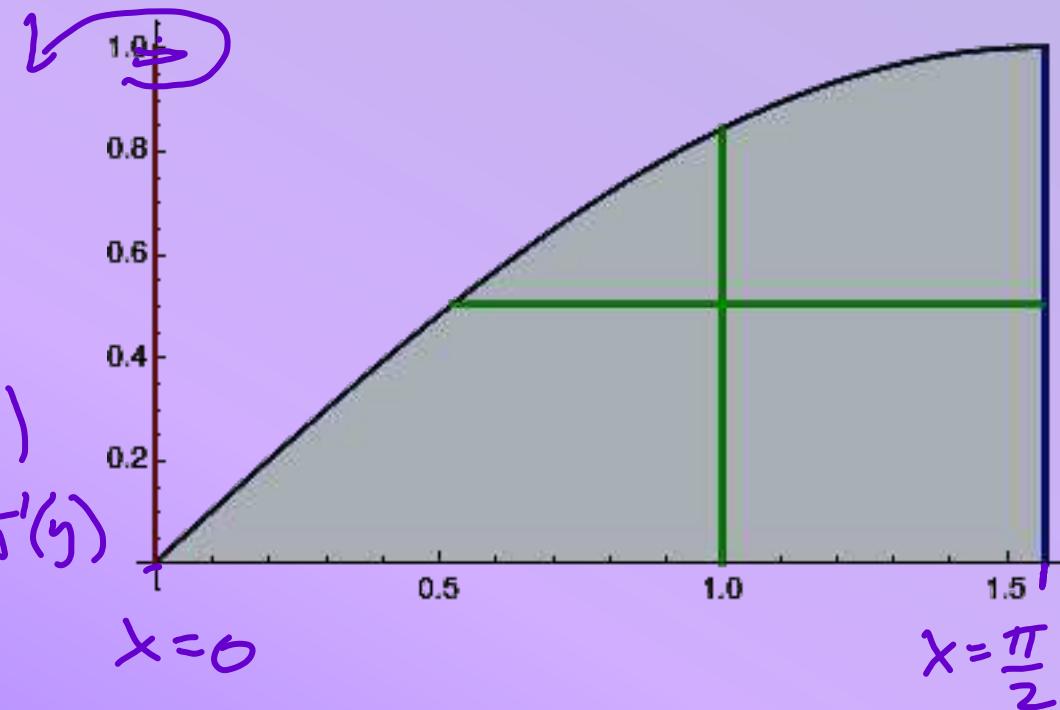
$$= 45\pi$$

Example C:

Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the region bounded by the curve

$$y = \sin(x) \text{ (in black)} \rightarrow x = g(y)$$

and the x-axis and the lines $x = 0, \frac{\pi}{2} = \sin^{-1}(y)$
about the y-axis.



SHELL METHOD SETUP (Vertical Slices):

$$V = 2\pi \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \sin(x) dx$$

WASHER METHOD SETUP (Horizontal Slices):

$$V = \pi \times \int_0^1 \left[\frac{\pi^2}{4} - (\sin^{-1}(y))^2 \right] dy \quad (*)$$

→ so to find the antiderivative in (*),
the hard part is computing

$$\int_0^1 (\sin^{-1}(y))^2 dy \rightarrow \text{apply IBP twice, and use a sub. in the second step.}$$

(solution to check your work
on the next two slides —
we will go over this again
on Wednesday)

Notes on how to compute $I = \int_0^1 (\sin^{-1}(y))^2 dy$.

→ IBP once:

$$\begin{cases} u = \sin^{-1}(y)^2 & dv = dy \\ du = \frac{2 \sin^{-1}(y)}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy & v = y \end{cases}$$

$$I = y \sin^{-1}(y)^2 \Big|_0^1 - 2 \int_0^1 \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \sin^{-1}(y) dy$$

$$(1) \int \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{u}} = -\sqrt{u} + C = -\sqrt{1-y^2} + C$$

$$(2) \text{ IBP: } u = \sin^{-1}(y) \quad dv = \frac{y dy}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$$
$$du = \frac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \quad v = -\sqrt{1-y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + 2 \underbrace{\sin^{-1}(y) \sqrt{1-y^2}}_{=0} \Big|_0^1 - 2 \int_0^1 dy \\
 &= \frac{\pi^2}{4} - 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } V &= \pi \int_0^1 \left[\frac{\pi^2}{4} - (\sin^{-1}(y))^2 \right] dy \\
 &= \pi \left[\frac{\pi^2}{4} - \left(\frac{\pi^2}{4} - 2 \right) \right] = 2\pi
 \end{aligned}$$